

New Zealand 2020 Conference Presenter Biographies

(In order of appearance)



Dr Thomas Moritz

Thomas is an Austrian trained Radiologist with focus in musculoskeletal and pediatric Radiology. He trained at the General Hospital of the Medical University of Vienna and the Kepler University Hospital in Linz, Austria before coming to New Zealand in 2017.

Since then he has been working as a Consultant Radiologist at Christchurch Hospital where he has taken up the role of clinical lead for body ultrasound. His passion is ultrasound in general, with a focus on pediatrics and musculoskeletal applications, as well as teaching.



Andrew Graham

Andrew began his career in the health profession as a Physiotherapist then went on to complete a Post Graduate Diploma in Health Science (Sports Medicine) and another in Ultrasound, qualifying as a Sonographer.

Andrew completed a Post Grad qualification in Ultrasound Guided Injections (University of Essex) and has worked with a number of medical specialists performing a variety of ultrasound guided procedures including PRP, Fenestration prolotherapy, stem cell and corticosteroid steroid injections.

Andrew has his own business and has consulted with many of New Zealand's leading Physiotherapists and sports teams.



Dr Latham Berry

Dr. Latham Berry completed his medical degree at Otago University followed by radiology training initially in Dunedin, completing FRANZCR in Christchurch. This was followed by a fellowship in cardiac imaging at Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, UK.

He works in private practice with Pacific Radiology in Christchurch including contracted sessions at Christchurch, Greymouth and Timaru Hospitals.

His areas of interest include thoracic imaging/intervention as well as abdominal imaging, ultrasound and CT PET.



Martin Necas

Martin works a clinical specialist sonographer at Waikato Hospital, New Zealand. Martin completed training in general and vascular ultrasound in Seattle, USA in 1996 and subsequently attained a Master's Degree in Sonography at the University of South Australia in 2007. Martin has practiced diagnostic ultrasound in USA, New Zealand and Australia in a wide variety of clinical settings ranging from private centres to tertiary teaching hospitals. Martin is an ultrasound enthusiast, clinical instructor, university lecturer and a prolific conference speaker. He is an author of numerous journal articles as well as a book titled *Artifacts in Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound*. Martin's main areas of interest include general, obstetric, vascular and contrast-enhanced ultrasound. Martin is a strong proponent to clinically targeted ultrasound and evidence-based practice underpinned by clinical research.



Andy Kindon

Vascular sonographer at Christchurch Vascular Group and Christchurch Public Hospital. Qualified in the UK in 2015 and moved to New Zealand two years ago. Long standing interest in abdominal aortic aneurysm surveillance, having worked as a clinical skills trainer for the UK AAA screening programme.



Josie Macfarlane

Josie Macfarlane is a sonographer at the Canterbury District Health Board and is dual qualified in both Vascular and General Ultrasound. She has a keen interest in clinical education and is undertaking a Master's degree to further develop her skills in this field. When she is not scanning or researching, she loves to experiment in the kitchen and whip up all sorts of sweet treats, much to the delight of friends and colleagues. It could be said that her motto is "cake=happiness"



Dr Rachel Belsham

Radiologist OBGYN, FRANZCR

Rachel is a Consultant Radiologist and has been practicing Obstetric and Gynaecology imaging at Christchurch Hospital for the last 10 years. She loves teaching OBGYN Radiology and has given several local conference talks. In her spare time Rachel enjoys baking and golf.



Dr Karen Mizia

Dr Karen Mizia is an Australian Obstetrician Gynecologist and a recognised subspecialist in O&G Ultrasound and been actively involved in the advancement, development of standards and, education in O&G ultrasound for over 15 years. She currently holds several positions including:

- Chair of the NSW Regional Committee for RANZCOG
- President elect for the Australia Society of Ultrasound in Medicine.
- Senior Staff Specialist at Royal North Shore Hospital
- Medical Director of Ultrasound Care Australia
- Conjoint Clinical Lecturer, Sydney University



Dr Simon Meagher

A/Prof Simon Meagher is a consultant obstetrician gynaecologist at the Mercy Hospital for Women and Associate Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and gynaecology, University of Melbourne. He is an internationally-renowned educator in obstetric imaging and is the International Society for Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynaecology (ISUOG) ambassador to the Asia Pacific region. He provides regular education to subspeciality trainees and the global community through highly-subscribed webinars and international workshops. Simon has served as medical Director of Monash IVF / Ultrasound for Women for over 20 years. His previous appointments also included Council Member, Australian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine (ASUM), Chairman Standards of Practice Committee (ASUM), executive board member and examiner for the Diploma in Diagnostic Ultrasound (ASUM) and Chairman of the Melbourne Sonologists group.



Dr Blanche Wylie

Blanche Wylie is a third year Radiology Registrar based at Waikato DHB.



Dr Rachael McEwing

Rachael completed her Radiology training at Christchurch Hospital. She then did an O & G and Paediatric imaging Fellowship at the Women's and Children's Hospital in Adelaide, followed by a Body and Fetal imaging Fellowship at UC San Diego. She completed further Fellowships at the Centre hospitalier intercommunal de Poissy-Saint-Germain-en-Laye in Paris, Charité Hospital in Berlin (fetal echocardiography), and at King's College and the Fetal Medicine Centre in London, working with Professor Kypros Nicolaides. During this time she published several peer-reviewed papers related to fetal imaging and echocardiography. On returning to Christchurch, Rachael headed the Christchurch Women's Hospital Radiology department for several years. She now works at Pacific Radiology Christchurch, predominantly in O & G Ultrasound. She remains involved in sonographer and registrar training and is an examiner for RANZCR. Rachael sits on several Ministry of Health working groups including the National Maternity Monitoring Group, the Technical Working Group for Down Syndrome and other conditions, and the Maternity Ultrasound Advisory Group. Most recently she chaired the clinical working group which developed the New Zealand Obstetric Ultrasound guidelines.



Maggie Meeks

MB ChB MHealSc (Hons) MD Dip Ed FRCPCH FAcadMed FRACP

Maggie did her undergraduate training at Birmingham University in the United Kingdom before joining the Royal Air Force (RAF) and serving a short service commission, which she believes provided the foundation for her love of education and the aircraft industry also has a close relationship with human factors and simulation training.

Maggie moved to New Zealand in 2008 and was originally able to combine a clinical role in neonatal paediatrics for Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB) with an educational role for the University of Otago teaching Human Factors and Quality and Safety. She continues in the clinical role on the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and now has an educational role in interprofessional simulation and the Medical Education Training Unit (METU) for the DHB. Maggie is interested in human behaviour and teamwork and recently began developing her research interests mainly in the areas of interprofessional education and simulation.



Geoff Howard

Manager & Senior Clinician

Geoff has been Manager of Drug-Arm Christchurch since 2002 and been directly involved in the development and implementation of specialised interventions for youth and adults experiencing difficulties with drug and alcohol. He has also worked extensively within the Youth Justice, CYFS & Corrections Systems to develop and deliver therapeutic drug and alcohol groups and individual counselling.

Drug-ARM's core kaupapa is based around and building and sustaining supportive relationships with a client group that can be extremely challenging. They have a strong focus on community outreach as well as working within institutions such as prisons. Many of those they support have become disillusioned with the system and in addition to alcohol and drug related issues, many struggle with mental health, marginalisation and fit in the 'hard basket' for some of the more mainstream services.



Dr Andrew McLaughlin

Dr Andrew McLaughlin is a paediatric radiologist working at Christchurch Hospital. He completed his radiology and paediatric radiology fellowship training in Auckland before spending 2 years working at the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow, Scotland. He returned home to Christchurch in 2017. He enjoys the practice of ultrasound, acknowledging the huge part it plays in imaging the paediatric population.